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Wilson's Administration A Set Back to The Race

Dismissing and Demoting Colored Men A Favorite Slogan

"Constitution Great in Rank of Colored Men Now in Civil Service Employment by Progressive and Unceasing Assaults of Southern President's Local Leaders—Talk of Walter's Appointment Pooh-poohed."

(From the New York News, May 20, 1915.)

"That the Woodrow Wilson administration will stop its wholesale dismissal of colored men from the government service, whether Republican or Democratic, only when not one of them can boast that he holds a representative position, seems to be borne out by the proceedings of the last few days. Since the forced resignation of Collector Chas. W. Anderson from the office of collector of Internal Revenue, most of the colored people holding responsible and representative positions in the New York districts have either been dismissed or demoted. Three colored gaugers, it is announced, will walk the plank on the first of the coming month. The colored inspectors still in the revenue service within the last few weeks are others among those who have been either dismissed or transferred. A colored woman who held a responsible stenographic position and rated as deputy revenue collector has been handed her resignation. On last Saturday Ralph W. Langston, for many years one of the pillars of local colored Democracy, who was appointed to his position as deputy collector by the Wilson administration a little over a year ago, was put out of office. It is said that Mr. Langston was notified some time previously that his resignation, to take effect on June 15, would be accepted. This this Mr. Langston is said to have demurred. Failing to send in his resignation, he was summarily ousted, it is stated. The rumor is persistent in certain quarters that Bishop Alexander Walters could have the appointment of Recorder of Deeds if he wished it. It was further stated that he was going to take it, since his friend, Lawyer Albert Casey, of New Jersey, has been recently disbarred and could not take it. Those in position to know say that Mr. Wilson would not appoint any colored man to office if he figured there was a chance of his being confirmed. Peter J. Smith, the other colored man appointed by the Wilson administration to a deputy position in Boston, is also said to be expecting his dismissal at any time."

True Race Man Appreciates The Star

Unsolicited He Contributes to Expense of Race Paper



A. L. PHILLIPS

One of Tulsa's Foremost Race Men of The Day Who Voluntarily Shows Appreciation of The Star

Tulsa, Okla., June 2, 1915.
Hon. A. J. Smithman,
Editor Tulsa Star.
Dear Sir:
Please find enclosed \$2.50 which I am giving to help carry the expense of the Star. I do this because I feel that every colored man in Tulsa who is able to should donate something each month to help you bear the burden that I know you are bearing alone to give us a creditable and worthy mouthpiece. The Star has done much good for us all, and I am willing to give something every month to help bear the expense until the Star is able to sail alone.
Very truly,
A. L. PHILLIPS.

FRAUDULENT MEASURES ARE DESTROYED



San Francisco had a clean-up of fraudulent weights and measures recently and vast quantities of them were destroyed. The picture shows 8,000 milk cans being dumped into barges to be towed out to sea and given a watery grave.

STRADFORD VISITS POINTS OF INTEREST ON WAY TO NEW YORK

Member State Legislature Must Stand Trial on Liquor Charge

Muskogee, Okla., June 1.—Tom Hunter of Hugo, prominent in state politics and a member of the Oklahoma legislature, must stand trial in the federal court on the charge of violating the federal liquor law. A motion to dismiss the charge was overruled today by United States Judge Ralph Campbell. Hunter was indicted jointly with Eli Bohannon in November last year by the grand jury at Chickasha. He was a member of the legislature at the time of his arrest.

Mrs. Swinger Gets Divorce

Mrs. Emma Sevinger of North Greenwood was granted a divorce in the district court here Monday from her husband, B. W. Swinger. The trial of the case is said to have occasioned a deal of amusement probably not any more than many other cases where both parties were white, but more noticeable because in this case they were Negroes.

Teachers Appointed For Colored Schools

At a meeting of the school board Monday night all of the teachers for the colored schools were re-appointed for the next school term. The list is as follows:
Miss Lula M. Sims, Clarence Gullot, S. D. McCree, J. W. Hughes, C. W. Woods, Miss Lula Curtis, H. M. Magill, Wm. Lane, Mrs. Nettie Hughes, Mrs. Julia Jackson, Miss Myrtle Cotton, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Birdie L. Lynch, Mrs. M. M. Martin and Miss Alma Porter.

Writes Interesting Letter Of His Observations To The Star—Says Tulsa Is Behind So Far As Colored People Are Concerned

Kansas City, Kans., May 31, 1915.
Mr. A. J. Smithman,—Dear friend, I take this method to inform all of my friends and acquaintances of my whereabouts, my health and the conditions which exist among our people in this city, especially the civic conditions of Kansas City.

Monday I met our old friend Harry Graham, a man who knows how to make it pleasant and interesting for a stranger in a strange city. The first place of interest we visited was Garrison square, between First and Tenth on 5th street. Garrison school is also situated in this square. This square and its buildings are devoted exclusively to the interest of the colored people, one of the larger 2-story buildings on this square contains one large auditorium which is used for the children to have drilling exercises through the day, and for public meetings, etc., at night. There are quite a number of committee rooms, free bath rooms for the public to secure a bath, you must pay one cent for a bar of soap, I cent for a towel, and then go into the bath room and wash until your scales fall off. This bath room is well patronized, and the colored citizenship of Kansas City is approaching a state of Godliness, for they all have a chance to keep clean. Last but not least by any means, they have in this building a public library which is well patronized, an institution which I have labored so faithfully to establish in Tulsa. It pains me very greatly in deed, to know that the needs of our people are so much neglected in Tulsa. I believe that whenever there is a will there is a way. I believe there is a way for us to secure some public accommodations for our people; we must not despair, we must double our determination, we must work incessantly to see our hopes realized, and our labor crowned with success. This whole affair is supported by the city. I hope the day will soon come when our city will be more liberal with her colored citizens. The next place of interest visited was the Colored cemetery, an institution exclusively for the colored people. A place of beauty. We had the pleasure of witness-

ing thousands and thousands of persons visiting this dead city and decorating the graves of their loved ones, with the most beautiful flowers, and also witnessing the unveiling of the statue of Miss Emma Smith, a departed member of the Blind Boone Concert Co. A very costly statue indeed.

The next place visited was the Y. M. C. A., grand spacious and attractive structure. Modern in all its appointments, and it is conducted like a well governed home. Everything that is conducive to health of mind and body is afforded for the patrons.

Tell George A. Hutchins and John Grayson I defeated all the checkers players I met, and I played several.

Relative to the economic conditions of our people here, and also social and moral I will write at length in my next letter.

I enclose you a card containing the names of two yearly subscribers for your paper, who are anxious to learn what we are doing in Tulsa. Miss Brown applied for a position in our city schools last year. A very intelligent young lady. Mr. Dandridge is one of our most wealthy citizens of K. C., Kan. I will leave here at 9:45 A. M. Tuesday for New York, and will arrive in New York city at 2 P. M. Thursday. I will write you when I get to New York. I am enjoying good health at present, the weather is quite cold, I am very sorry that I did not bring my raglan with me.

Hoping this will find you and wife, John and the kids well I am your friends. Regards to all.
J. B. STRADFORD.

Adds 24000 To Army Force

Japan Believes In Military Readiness.

Tokio, June 1.—The government's policy of military development was approved by the house today in an exciting session. By a vote of 232 to 131 the house adopted the provision for an increase in the standing army of two divisions or about 24,000 men. It then approved the entire budget, including the naval program, which provides for construction of three submarines and eight torpedo boat destroyers.

Many Tulsans Buy Shares In Telephone Co.

President of Only Colored Telephone Company in Southwest Visits Tulsa, Selling Stock.

Has Operated Smithville Telephone Exchange Six Years.

Comparatively few people in Oklahoma know that there is a telephone company in the state owned and controlled by colored men, but it is a fact. Its headquarters are nine miles south of Shawnee, at a little town called Smithville, and the company has been doing business since 1909, when it was first organized, capital of \$1,000.00.

Since that time the company have built many miles of line, both metallic and grounded circuit, and have subscribers among both white and colored people.

They have trained a number of colored boys as linemen, who are now able to install and repair telephones and a number of girls as efficient operators.

It is now dawning upon the company that their work has just begun if it is to be made the grand success that it should be. They see a splendid opportunity to make money for the hundreds of our own boys and girls and they have determined to push the work for all its worth.

It is the desire of the company therefore to establish an extensive toll system throughout the state. To do this it will require money and lots of it. But there are plenty of colored people in Oklahoma to furnish every penny needed. The company have decided to sell 100,000 shares of stock at \$1.00 a share to prosecute the work, and it is very probable that they will succeed.

N. O. Bryant, president of the company is personally touring the state selling stock in the hope of some day realizing the success of their efforts. Mr. Bryant is now in Tulsa having arrived here Wednesday afternoon, but will return to Smithville some time today. A number of colored men here have purchased stock in the company some of them as much as fifty shares.

Smithville is an exclusive colored town with good railroad accommodations, with both ticket and express agents.

Bryan Believes In Education

Would Build Schools Instead of Ships

Washington, D. C., June 1.—Secretary Bryan was the chief speaker at a luncheon given today by the Washington board of trade to the honorary commercial commission in China. The secretary thanked the Chinese for the honor they paid the United States in emulating its government; in sending its students to American universities, and in co-operating with missionaries and teachers.

"I believe the United States can secure its safety better by making friends who love her than by making other nations fear her," said Mr. Bryan. "Half the money we spend in battleships could better be spent in educating the young men of other nations in our schools."

Mr. Bryan said democratic governments, by discarding implements of terror, dare build citadels in the hearts of men. By giving other nations their ideals, republics fulfill the laws of service and make lasting friends.

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GOVERNOR MAY FREE ALL WOMEN PRISONERS

Williams Declares Penitentiary Is No Fit Place for Them and Is Arranging Paroles.

Oklahoma City, June 1.—Gov. Williams wants the women out of the penitentiary, because he thinks it is not a fit place for them. There may be exceptional cases, he says, when imprisonment will bring good results, but he has virtually promised to parole all women who have friends to vouch for their good behavior.

The governor's declaration was made while commenting upon the cases of several women now confined in the penitentiary, and especially in the case of Mrs. Alberta Gentry, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband.

"The penitentiary is no proper place for a woman," said the governor, "and I do not want any woman to remain there, except in rare cases, when she has relatives or friends who will care for her and keep her out of trouble. When I receive such assurances from responsible persons I am constrained to grant paroles."

"Of course there are a few exceptions, but as a rule I want the women out of the penitentiary. They are a charge upon the state and a burden

to the taxpayers. As a general thing, women do not commit crimes unless induced or driven thereto by bad husbands, or other circumstances that bring about a condition that is not normal.

Morgan Boys In Mix Up

Two Brothers Picked Off a Fist Fight On Greenwood Sunday.

Quite a commotion was caused in the business district of the East End Sunday afternoon when — Morgan and — Morgan, brothers, engaged in a fist encounter which lasted for several minutes before the officers arrived and placed the combatants under arrest. No serious damage was done to either. They were fined by Judge Clark the next morning.